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Applicant: Sergey Frolov et al.  
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Title: WAVEGUIDE OPTICAL AMPLIFIER  
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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Assistant Commissioner to grant a three (3) month extension of time, up to and including April 6, 2004, in which to respond to the Office Action mail date October 6, 2003 in the above identified application. The extension fee in the amount of \$475.00 may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047. In addition, any deficiencies may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047.

In lieu of a response to the office action dated October 6, 2003, applicant hereby submits a continuation patent application claiming priority of the above identified application. Said application is filed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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